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SUBJECT: CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

FOR GEORGE LISTER (TODMAN PARTY) FROM KENNETH HILL, D/HA

1. ISABEL LETELIER CALLED IN STATE OF AGITATION SAYING SHE HAD URGENT INFORMATION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS WHICH SHOULD BE GOTTEN TO YOU. INFORMATION WAS TAKEN DOWN AND ONLY COMMITMENT MADE TO HER WAS TO SEND INFORMATION TO YOU FOR WHATEVER ACTION SEEMED POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE.

2. MRS. LETELIER HAD JUST RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THERE ARE 100 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN A HOSPITAL IN TEMUCO, SOUTHERN CHILE. LIVING CONDITIONS ARE SAID TO BE BAD AND SOME DETAINEES REPORTEDLY HAD TUBERCULOSES. THERE IS A LACK OF MEDICINE.

3. ACCORDING TO REPORTS SHE HAD RECEIVED WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS RELIABLE, A CHILEAN AIR FORCE PLANE LEFT
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CHILE ON JULY 5, 6, OR 7 BOUND FOR ARGENTINA. 12 PERSONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS DISAPPEARED WERE ON BOARD, TWO OF WHICH WERE RECOGNIZED: A DR.GODOY AND L. (LUIS ?) BERRIO, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF CHILECTRA. MRS. LETELIER IS CONCERNED

THAT THESE PEOPLE MAY BE IN MORTAL DANGER.

4. MRS. LETELIER HAS JUST RECEIVED A REPORT THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED PRISONER RECENTLY RELEASED HAD SHARED A CELL WITH DR. CARLOS LORCA WHO LONG AGO WAS REPORTED DISAPPEARED. YOU WILL RECALL THAT LORCA'S FATHER, WHO LIVES IN PANAMA, HAS MADE NUMEROUS APPEALS FOR HELP TO FIND HIS SON, ONE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY. THE SOURCE OF MRS. LETELIER'S REPORT DID NOT INDICATE WHEN OR WHERE THE JUST RELEASED PRISONER SAW LORCA BUT HE DID INDICATE ONE OF LORCA'S LEGS HAD BEEN BADLY INJURED AND WAS ALMOST PARALYZED. CHRISTOPHER

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